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THE APRIL VIEW

After a long and wet winter we have finally had some sun and it is great to see the bulbs flowering and people out in their gardens. Life becomes more sociable as one gets the chance to chat over the garden fence.

The NHS is important to all of us and we recognise our fortune in having its services available free at the point of care. The NHS is under strain with a population that is increasing in both age and number. Locally the Royal Lancaster Infirmary already has problems recruiting and retaining suitably qualified Consultants; with the result that expensive locums are employed who have no long term commitment to the department or to the development of patient care. The current Junior Doctors' dispute will be of concern to many and I admit to selfish reasons for that concern: can the high quality of care we receive be maintained; if they leave the NHS who will look after me when I'm older!

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Jane Meaden

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

St Cuthbert's Church

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April 2016



Dear Friends,

Work Complete

In Jesus' day when a carpenter completed a job, he would wash his hands, dry them on a linen cloth, then fold it neatly and leave it over his work. The cloth was his trade mark; whoever inspected it knew the work was completed.

On Easter Sunday Mary told Peter the tomb was empty. What Peter saw is described in the scriptures as:

"The burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head, folded up by itself. He saw and believed" (John 20:6-8)

Peter knew immediately that JESUS had RISEN. His work was complete, finished.

Science says that 'infallible proof' comes from getting the same result from repeated tests. Here are five pieces of evidence that Jesus had risen:

1. Mary Magdalene encountered him
2. The women at the tomb saw him
3. The disciples spoke with him
4. He walked and talked with two disciples on the road
5. Five hundred people saw him

At a service in Bangladesh, the congregation wept in disbelief when they saw the crucifixion in the 'JESUS FILM'. Suddenly a lad jumped up and shouted "Don't worry—He gets up again; I saw it before!"

The risen Lord meets us in ways and at times we least expect, if we are still enough and silent enough to listen.

Scripture tells us:

"Be still, be silent and KNOW I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Revs. Ken & Sue Clapham

AT YOUR SERVICE:

The Revs. Ken, Sue and Alan are available for ANY parishioner or visitor to our parish who is ill or in any need at home or in hospital. Please phone 734189 or 07663 794459.

END OF AN ERA AT ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, 13 March, Rev. Ken Clapham gave early notice of his forthcoming retirement as vicar of St. Cuthbert's. The records in church, commencing in 1540, show him as the third longest-serving vicar after Robert Fletcher (1761-95), and William Bradshaw (1825-62); he and Sue came to the parish in November, 1983. He is the only Authorised Methodist Minister within the Diocese of Blackburn and therefore takes both Anglican and Methodist services.

Rev. Ken announced that he and Sue will be moving to a new home in Bare, Morecambe; he expects that the Diocese will still need him to undertake part-time duties in the Greater Lancaster area. As he has often been heard to say "Once ordained you never retire from carrying out God's work". His last service at St. Cuthbert's will be on Sunday, 10 July; parishioners are invited to come along to say thank you for all his wide-ranging work over the last 32½ years.

He is renowned for his pastoral work around and beyond Over Kellet as well as for his help with Hospital Chaplaincy work. Rev. Ken also has a long-standing interest in space exploration and has had contact with the American Space Centre as well as with some of the astronauts.

We wish both Ken and Sue (who has just retired from nursing), well and thank them for their substantial contribution to the parish over the last 32 years—they will both be missed.

Eric Butler, Church Warden

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BUSINESS VIEW—THE EAGLES HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE

The Over Kellet View runs an editorial feature which is free for businesses in Over Kellet and Capernwray.

This month Dan Atkinson introduces one of the best-known features in our village.

What does the business do? Serves quality food and drink to locals and holiday-makers alike.



What is your role in the business? Manager.

How long have you lived in Over Kellet? I don't technically live in Over Kellet but spend most of my time here.

What do you enjoy about your work? I enjoy being able to interact and meet all kinds of different people who come into the pub

What do you like doing when you aren't working? Sport is a big part of my life.

I enjoy almost all sports but football is my real passion. I am club secretary of a local Saturday North Lancs league football team and have just this year signed up for my first Great North Run along with Rich Haley, another villager who uses the pub.

Can you name one business in Over Kellet you would recommend and tell us why? Tithe Barn—Paul and Christine have a lovely guesthouse just across the green from the pub and we work well together; they send guests our way for meals and drink and we send any potential holiday-makers theirs.

What do you like about living/working in Over Kellet? The peace and quiet of the surrounding areas and the many walks that go through the village around the crags and quarries.

Do you have a business website? Check out our TripAdvisor page—Certificate of Excellence; No 1 Restaurant in the Carnforth area; Rating 4½ out of 5 from 321 reviews.

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g644363-d2037720-Reviews-The_Eagles_Head-Carnforth_Lancashire_England.html

The Business View is a free feature for businesses in Over Kellet and Capernwray. If you would like to see your business featured, please email okview@overkellet.org.

Oaks' Visit to London

Our early train meant that we were walking through Trafalgar Square by 10.30am. After a brief stop at Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street and the Cenotaph, Oaks' class headed to the Houses of Parliament for a tour of the Lords and Commons and a workshop on law making. After lunch we visited Westminster Abbey and the school was named and included in the 3 o'clock prayers. The children enjoyed a quiet time in the shrine to Edward the Confessor followed by a tour of the rest of the Abbey. A walk over Westminster Bridge brought us to the London Eye where good weather ensured the class were able to spot the capital's landmarks from St Paul's Cathedral to the Shard and Wembley Stadium in the distance to the north.

A full and memorable day for all!



Mothers' Day Lunch

The children were thrilled to welcome their mums to join them for a roast dinner lunch followed by a special treat of brandy snap baskets filled with fruit. Each woman attending the lunch was presented with a gift of chocolate hearts. All the children made cards to take home for their mums and grannies.

Young Voices 2016

This was the school's first visit to this large concert held in the Manchester Arena. Eight thousand primary aged pupils joined in song. There were special guests to the show who sang with the children. Alexandra Burke of X Factor fame shared a Whitney Houston song. Two hours of song included singing medleys of popular songs from Madness to Ed Sheeran to more traditional folk songs. The pupils also loved the selection of transport songs which included *'Those magnificent men in their flying machines'* and *'Chattanooga Choo Choo'*. White T shirts and mini torches set the scene for a truly memorable event. We are already planning a return visit!

Jo Williams, Headteacher



PARISH COUNCIL—APRIL

Bus Shelter—Lancashire County Council has confirmed that planning permission is unnecessary but that it would have to be consulted on the exact location of the shelter for Highways reasons. Cllr. Nick Ward had identified a potential supplier for a ready-made timber shelter but it was agreed that Cllr. Rebecca Lauder would also ask a local joiner to quote for the project.

Shuttleworth Field—Following Cllr. Ward's meeting with Mrs Shuttleworth, he and Cllr. Margaret Fowler looked at potential sites in the field for a community bench. The cost of installation is expected to be £200. Cllr. Ward will seek approval from Mrs Shuttleworth.

Allotments—Negotiations are ongoing with the Allotment Association regarding a new tenancy agreement which has become necessary because of insurance requirements.

Parking—Lancashire County Council has said it would not consider double yellow lines on Church Bank for what it believes is an “intermittent” problem. Cllr. Lauder confirmed that the Village Hall Committee is stressing the importance of considerate parking to its users.

Email—The Parish Council's new email address is okpc@overkelle.org

Autumn Gala—Plans are continuing for the new Autumn Gala which is to take place on 24 and 25 September 2016. Cllr. Ward reported that a small group of residents was now meeting regularly to organise this new village event. Attractions would include stalls, a craft fair and bouncy castle, an afternoon tea provided by the WI, a pet show and hopefully a football match and/or tug of war with Nether Kelle. There will also be a hog roast and ceilidh on Saturday evening with an ecumenical harvest service on the Sunday morning. There are plans to use the central grass on Church Bank for some of the attractions—it was agreed that Michael Watson would write to the City Council for the necessary permission.

Emergency Plan—It was agreed to postpone expenditure on the emergency plan until the Autumn in order to ensure that the Parish Council had adequate funds.

B4RN—Cllr, Ward was given information about the community company, Broadband for the Rural North, which provides high speed broadband connectivity to rural communities. He thought it likely that Aggregate Industries would provide support if Over Kelle residents wanted to be involved. It was agreed that Cllr. Ward would write an article for the OK View to seek residents' views.

Christmas Tree Savings—Following the purchase of new LED bulbs for the Christmas tree, the cost of the electricity for the village's festive lights was just £3.98! The usual cost is approximately £60.

The full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are available at www.overkelle.org and on display on village notice boards. Next month's Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 April at 7.15pm at Wilson's Endowed C of E School. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public.

Angela Huck

WEATHER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 2016

A weather saying for this month advises that “As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens” and sometimes one would have thought that this would not happen this year. In the preceding months the weather has remained wet, warm and windy; the Met Office also confirmed that it was the wettest winter on record. However, nature has a way of “balancing the books”, in that from the 15th of the month the night-time temperatures regularly fell to below freezing. It was also after the 15th that we began to clock up some serious sun hours; before this the recorded number of sun hours was very disappointing.

Looking back over the records for the last 10 years, February is generally a dry month but this year it was not the case. During the month although we had only 16 rain days, rainfall total for the month was 111mm (4.6in), well above the average of 50mm (2in). The wettest 24h was from February 29th to March 1st with 30mm (1.2in). However, the village did much better in the sunshine stakes because we had 27 sun days with 95.1h, well above the average of 78.2h. The warmest day was the 1st when the temperature climbed to 10.4°C (50.7°F) and the sunniest day was the 15th with a remarkable 8.6 sun hours. The coldest night was that of the 25th when the temperature fell to -3.9°C (24.9°F). During the month there were 12 occasions when the night temperature dropped to below 0°C (32°F). In previous years this total was usually seven or eight so this increase serves to support the old saying above.

As I look back in my weather diary, I see that the Met Office signalled the approach of two storms—Storm Henry on the 1st and Storm Imogen on the 6th. During the month the atmosphere remained unstable and perhaps this was the source of the two spectacular sunsets (above), on the evenings of the 1st and 17th—a real ‘Twilight of the Gods’.



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There are three reasons for these charity coffee mornings sponsored every two months by St Cuthbert's Church. First is to provide an informal social occasion for anyone who wants to come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat; second is to give an opportunity to a charity to raise awareness of its work; and third, to help raise money to support this work.

The one on 27th February in aid of CancerCare amply fulfilled all those reasons with over 40 people attending and raising £200 towards its funds. CancerCare representatives were delighted and very grateful not only for the money raised but also to have the opportunity of publicising the work of this important local charity.

The next event is on Saturday 16th April in aid of the Guide Dogs Association. If you would like St Cuthbert's Church to sponsor your favourite charity, please contact Jane Ward on 733947, email: nkdw@btinternet.com.



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HYPERFAST BROADBAND?

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At the moment the network has reached Old Hall Caravan site, just a few fields away from the village. If there are enough residents interested in bringing it to the village then a group could be formed to do just that.

Full details of what is involved are on the website, www.B4RN.org.uk and, if you are interested in possibly being involved with this, please email me at nkdw@btinternet.com. If there is enough interest I will then organise a meeting to discuss further.

Nick Ward

WANTED

Even if it needs a bit of attention, does anyone have a cylinder mower that they no longer use? Please ring Susan Sharples on 07870 153292 and leave a message.

AROUND THE CLUBS—OVER KELLET PLAYGROUP

Around the Clubs is an editorial feature in the Over Kellet View which is free for clubs and societies in Over Kellet and Capernwray. This month Jackie Bassinder introduces the Playgroup.

Date founded (approximately): in the 1970s by a group of village mums

Contact: Jackie Bassinder, phone 730904 (during Playgroup hours)

contact@overkelletplaygroup.co.uk

Club website: www.overkelletplaygroup.co.uk

Number of members: 55 children on roll, 11 members of staff, 6 volunteers on our management committee

When and where do you usually meet? Playgroup meets in the Village Hall during term-time on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays & Fridays.

How much does it cost to join?

From September, our fees will be £10.50 for a three hour session. There are free sessions for some two year olds and all three and four year olds.

What is the main purpose of the group? Over Kellet Playgroup offers high quality care and education for children from the age of two years until they start school.



What is the highlight of the club's year?

While we are always sad to say goodbye, we take great pride in watching the children transfer to 'big school'. This transition is helped by the pre-school sessions held at the village school on Wednesday afternoons.

What is the reason most people join? We are a thriving and happy village playgroup. Our dedicated, enthusiastic and caring staff want to provide the best possible start in the education of local children.

In three words, how would you describe your club? Caring, educational, welcoming!

Is there anything else you'd like to share with readers about your club? Over Kellet Playgroup offers a caring and nurturing environment where young children can play and learn safely. We have an early years' teacher and highly qualified staff who work in partnership with parents to help children learn and develop. Playgroup is a registered charity and we have a wonderful group of parents on our management committee. We are lucky to have a lovely hall with good quality toys and equipment and large garden areas for plenty of outdoor fun!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Is everyone aware of the community garden on the allotments? I have heard mention of it but never really took it on board. In fact I'm ashamed to say I never knew how to get on to the allotments. So for those of you who are new to the village, or just like me, a bit vague about these things, I will explain, with, may I add, profuse apologies to the residents who do know and probably can't imagine how anyone could not know of its existence.

I have walked passed the allotments when I walk my dogs on the footpath that runs alongside and onto the crags. (May I digress and say there is an awful lot of uncollected dog poo on there dog walkers)!

Apart from crashing through the hedge (I am not a vandal by nature), it occurred to me that there must be another way in. And of course there is. You simply walk onto Church Brow and there, on the right by the garages, is the way in. So simple, no navigation or vandalism skills required.

It's a perfect little haven and a credit to the hard-working gardeners who voluntarily look after it. There are raised beds for the not so agile and beds for those who want to exercise or just enjoy planting something; there is even a bench to sit on and admire everyone's work.

Apart from not being a good vandal I am not a good gardener either. I think the term is 'potterer' and it amazed me to see proper vegetables growing. Wonder of wonders, they had purple-sprouting broccoli which had real broccoli heads in the middle. I always thought broccoli grew to knee high, got blown over and passed away.

Everything for growing/planting and eventually eating is all there. Fruit, vegetables and flowers grown in the Community Garden area are offered for free; there is usually a notice up of what is available for picking. The two allotment holders I spoke to were incredibly helpful and knowledgeable - they enjoy sharing the space with "non-vandalist" visitors.

Liz Brewster

THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for February was:

1 st (£25)	Mrs A Lawson (70)
2 nd (£15)	Dr A Lloyd-Williams (111)
3 rd (£10)	Mr R Talbot (134)

Congratulations to our winners.

There are still about ten numbers left. Anyone taking a new number will only pay for the number of months left in the calendar year, i.e. £4.00 for eight months. More than half our subscribers have won at least once and a lucky few have won three times in the last four years (not my relatives—promise!).

Liz Brewster

Hedgehogs

The hedgehog is the most popular wild animal in Britain. Our familiarity with it, at least in children's stories, perhaps leads us to overlook what an interesting and strange creature it is. What else has those sharp prickles on its back? Only the 'exotic' porcupine or the Australian Echidna, both of which are actually unrelated to our Mrs Tigglywinkle, whose closest relatives are moles and shrews. Hedgehogs occur in Europe, Asia and Africa but are native nowhere else, so your visitors from the USA will be excited to see one.

Sadly, despite the animal's popularity, UK hedgehog numbers are declining rapidly with possibly 75% fewer now than in 1990. This dramatic fall (you may have noticed the lower number of road casualties recently), is probably because of loss of rural habitat, predation by badgers (not always the good guys!) and increasing enclosure in towns. The lack of certainty is because,



until recently, it was hard to make an accurate measurement as to how many there are of what is a primarily nocturnal and shy animal.

Hedgehogs consume a wide range of invertebrate prey (worms, slugs, beetles, etc.), and are therefore indicators of a healthy natural environment. The effect of the loss of a mammal that was formally so abundant in our ecosystem is difficult to predict, but unlikely to be positive. Nowadays hedgehogs are more likely to be found in urban gardens than in the open countryside. That means that there are probably quite a few around Over Kellet where it is relatively easy for hedgehogs, which like to roam widely, to move from one garden to another. If you want to have a hedgehog visitor, the best you can do is to make your garden attractive and they will come. Going to a rescue centre is worse than pointless unless your garden is suitable, and, in any case, the hedgehog will wander off. They are not pets!

The best source of information is at <http://www.hedgehogstreet.org> or you can contact the Lancashire Wildlife Trust.

People often wonder about the name. 'Hedgehog' first appeared around 1450, derived from the Middle English *heyghoge*, from *heyg*, or *hegge*, ('hedge'), because it frequents hedgerows and *hoge* or *hogge* ('hog'), from its piglike snout. Other names include urchin, hedgepig and furze-pig. The collective noun for a group of hedgehogs is array or, unsurprisingly, prickle.

Chris Pogson

THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAYS		
0845	Every Week	Holy Communion
1030	April 3; May 1, 29	Morning Worship & Fish Club (1015 at school)
1030	April 10; May 8	All Age Worship
1030	April 17; May 15	Morning Worship with Communion
1030	April 24; May 22	Morning Worship, Methodist preacher
MONDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 4; May 2, 30)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1330	Weekly	Indoor Bowls
1700	Weekly	Keep Active
1930	Weekly	Scottish Dancing
TUESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 5; May 31)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
0900	Weekly (Schooldays only)	Playgroup-Toddlers (School)
1400	Weekly	Short Tennis
WEDNESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 6)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1400	Apr 6, 20; May 4, 18	Galloways Society
1930	Weekly	Church Bible Study
2000	Weekly	Badminton
THURSDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 7)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1930	Apr 14; May 12	WI
FRIDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 8)	Playgroup 2–4 Years



REFUSE COLLECTION IN APRIL AND MAY

Grey bin: Apr 4, 18; May 3, 16, 31

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Sunday	3	1330	Village Walk—Preston Patrick
Tuesday	12	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	13	0900	Walking Group—Whitwell
Thursday	14	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by Mr Graham Agnew 'Venice'
Saturday	16	1000–1200	Coffee Morning in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind
MAY			
Sunday	1	1330	Village Walk—Staveley
	6	1930	Demonstration and talk on Hanging Baskets and Tubs (at Bay View Garden Centre's Potting Shed Café)
Tuesday	10	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	18	0900	Walking Group—Cowan Bridge

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CORRESPONDENCE: LAWRENCE TAXIS—A WARNING

We thought it would be helpful if we shared our recent ‘airport taxi’ problem with fellow readers to help them avoid a similar happening. We chose Lawrence Taxis as a local firm that advertised in the Over Kellet View and were duly impressed with the first half of the process, from initial phone call to our arrival at Manchester Airport. Ironically as it turned out, we were regaled throughout the journey with the importance Mr. Lawrence attached to customer service and the many faults of his main competitor in Carnforth. Upon our arrival at the airport we paid for that journey and made full detailed arrangements for the pickup on our return.

Our flight home was on Friday 4th March, when, you may well remember, it snowed and many flights to and from Manchester were delayed—a fact well publicised during the day on all media.

Our flight was one of those delayed, arriving back in Manchester two hours 35 minutes late at 22.20. We then picked up a text asking us to call Mr. Lawrence. We duly rang him to be advised that he was in Carnforth as our plane had not arrived on time! He said it was our fault that we were not there at the time we had agreed at our departure. When asked what we should do, he told us that we would have to make our own arrangements and he put the phone down!!

We were obviously not impressed and had no alternative but to find another firm to take us home at 23.20 on a cold wet Friday night. Getting angry would not have served any purpose, but we feel that it is only right to make other people aware of the service Lawrence Taxis provided to us, so that you can decide for yourself if this is the firm for you.

Margaret & Ray Garlick

👉 Editors’ Note: Comments or responses from residents or taxi companies are welcome for publication in our next issue.

BOOK REVIEW

A Wise Child by Richard Mason

This is the sequel to ‘Branthwaite’s Lot’ and the second novel by this local writer. The book picks up exactly where the first ended in 1992—where we left Bill Branthwaite, a lonely and embittered old man, on his isolated farm. The story opens with the discovery of a body buried in the marsh on Bill’s land. This discovery has far-reaching consequences for Bill and totally transforms his lonely existence.

I enjoyed the first novel but think I enjoyed this one even more. It is quite absorbing and centres on the mysterious Dorothy who travels down from Barrow-in-Furness and is forced to stay at her son’s cottage. Here she begins to unravel the secrets of Branthwaite’s Lot and its links to her own origins.

As with the first book there are tantalising glimpses of the local landscape and many references to places we all know and love.

I notice there are still copies available in the two village shops; both are really good reads.

Liz Brewster

A DAY OUT

The Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB), from Calder Vale Methodist Chapel and St. Cuthbert's Church, Over Kellet, are arranging a Day out on **Saturday June 25th** to the Annual **WOOLFEST** in Cockermouth. This follows the very successful Wool Evening last October, held to raise awareness of the Farming Community Network.

At the Woolfest you can see everything relating to wool—speak to the spinners, weavers, dyers, knitters and felt makers and watch them at work, buy the wool and patterns they use and buy ready-made wool items. And, if you should get bored, there will be a free shuttle bus into Cockermouth from the Wool Centre during the day.

A coach will be leaving Garstang at 8.30am and picking people up in Carnforth (time to be notified). The cost for the coach and entrance to the Woolfest is £20.00 (£10.00 deposit on booking, please).

Details & booking: **Edith Gorst (01995 602078)** or **Margaret Fancy (01524 735712)**.

FREYA, ALBERT AND THE PHEASANT

The thing about mindin' small children,
Is findin' the right things to do,
Like bakin' cakes and biscuits,
Or havin' a trip to the zoo.

Well, one day the nippers of Kellet,
Were wantin' to look at some ducks,
'Cos Freya wanted to draw some,
And maybe t'other what clucks.

So Gran and a handy neighbour,
Put the kids in t'back of t'car,
And took 'em to commune with nature,
We 'adn't to drive very far.

But first we 'ad to get kitted,
With gloves and 'ats inside out,
And boots on all the wrong people,
And tissues to wipe Albert's snout.

It didn't take more than a mornin',
To get the children all stowed,
And get them out at t'bird place,
And 'erded over the road.

"So that's it, is it, Gran?" said Freya,
"That didn't go very smooth,
It might 'ave gone very much better,
Just buyin' chocolate at Booths."

The shop were a bit of a 'azard,
With shinin' bright stuff all on show,
With toy birds, trinkets and chocolate,
And a clock that looked like a crow.

A gentleman gave us the tickets,
Which graciously we received,
And rapidly traversed all temptations,
(The man looked very relieved).

First we looked at a pheasant,
And then at a robin up tree,
And that was all there was time for,
'Cos Freya wanted a wee.

And Albert was not at 'is brightest,
He seemed to be just a bit off,
He said that we 'ad to go 'ome, please,
The lad 'ad a bit of a cough.

So the trip was not as extensive,
As it usually is when one's birdin',
And in truth it wasn't as easy,
As knitting along a' cat-herdin'.

Grandpa Monkey a.k.a. Phil Hegarty

QUARRY REPORT



The biannual liaison meetings for Leaper's Wood/Dunald Mill and Back Lane quarries were held on 1st March.

Dunald Mill (Tarmac)

Although some restoration work has taken place in the old weighbridge area a thorough review of the work required to tidy up the whole site is needed. Full reviews are due every 15 years; the last one was in 2002 when the quarry was still operating. It is anticipated that the next one will be in 2017.

Leaper's Wood (Tarmac)

This is still providing 60-70,000 tonnes of stone per month for the Heysham link road and this contract is likely to continue until early July. The plan is to break through into the west quarry in mid-May. The production target for this year is £1.3 million tonnes and several other large contracts are currently in negotiation. Unfortunately this means that night-time working on four nights a week (Monday to Thursday) is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Tarmac are aware of the disturbance that noise can cause residents and are regularly monitoring it and trying to adopt practices which will keep it to a minimum.

There have been no formal blasting complaints since the last meeting. A second vibrograph has been purchased and monitoring now takes place at two locations, depending on where in the quarry the blast is taking place.

The drain on the access road has now been completed and this seems to be catching most of the water before it reaches the road. The sweeping contractor has now been changed and Tarmac and AI are now working together to remove stone spillage from the motorway access road.

Back Lane (Aggregate Industries)

This quarry is also busy, currently producing 100,000 tonnes of stone per month. It has had to bring in a mobile crusher to work on the lower benches and the asphalt plant is currently working at night for the link road. It is also providing large rocks for the sea defences on the Fylde coast. There have been no formal blasting complaints since the last meeting. There is to be a large blast to complete the Helks Wood face at the end of March and although it will be loud it should not produce a high level of vibration.

Work to improve the safety of the quarry entrance on Back Lane has been completed except for the warning signs, which will have flashing lights. AI have lodged concerns about proposals for housing development bordering Back Lane as it is felt that this is too close to a working quarry and that residents will suffer undue disturbance.

QUARRY REPORT

Mr Phil Jackson, AI's Bio-diversity manager, gave a short presentation on the work being undertaken in conjunction with Lancashire Wildlife Trust in Helks Wood and Kit Bill Wood. This includes the thinning of woodland on the limestone pavement by removing sycamore trees, the provision of bird and bat boxes and creating small clearings in Kit Bill Wood which it is hoped will also improve the habitat for bumble bees and butterflies. AI has received a bio-diversity management award for its work in this area.

It is hoped that a viewing platform will be re-established before the end of the year in conjunction with Leaper's Wood quarry and this will also contain signage describing the wildlife.

Both quarries were thanked for the donation of a defibrillator to each of the Kellets. These were presented at a ceremony in Over Kellet Village Hall in January (see below).



Left to right: Joan Shaw, Nick Ward, (Chairman, Over Kellet Parish Council), Helen Thomas (Village Hall treasurer), Lesley Gee (instigator of Over Kellet defibrillator project), Michelle Middleton (Tarmac, and Nether Kellet resident), Lea Lambert (Manager, Leaper's Wood quarry), Matthew Turner (Back Lane quarry), Mike Hunter, (Manager, Back Lane quarry), David Manning (Chairman, Nether Kellet Parish Council)

The next meetings of the liaison committees are scheduled for 13th September.

Nick Ward

CHANGES TO OUR BUS SERVICE

Service 51 is to be discontinued from 4 April. It is replaced by Service 49 whose route has been extended to/from Halton. Service 55 remains but with a new timetable, as does Service 555 to Kendal and Keswick. The main change is that there will no longer be buses in the evenings or on Sundays. The (provisional), new timetable for buses to and from Over Kellet is shown on the inside of the back cover.

The Lancaster District Bus Users' Group (BUG), accepts the County Council's (now revised), decision and agrees that this is the best use of the limited funding that the council has available for bus services. Whilst BUG is disappointed that many evening and Sunday journeys will be lost, they are interested in working with parish councils or local communities to explore ways of restoring these via alternative funding sources. The latest details can be seen at <http://lancsbus.blogspot.co.uk/> .

BUG has learned that Lancashire County Council is to stop the use of 'NOW Cards' on the Summer Sunday ('Northern Dalesman'), service to the Yorkshire Dales. The service, which links Morecambe and Lancaster with Ingleton, Hawes, Keld and Richmond, is operated by Travellers' Choice of Carnforth.

[The next meeting of the Bus Users Group is on Thursday, 17th March 2016 at 14:00hrs in Lancaster Library.]

Chris Pogson

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OKV—5 YEARS AGO

The front cover of the Over Kellet View in April 2011 sported a photograph of daffodils blooming on the village green. There was a comment on the front page apologising for “Using Daffodils Again” but the editors were running out of photographs to use. Therefore a request was made for photographs that depicted the changing seasons in the village. Not dissimilar from today!

The serialisation of ‘The Lives and Times of an ancient Mariner’ began this month and continued to be a monthly feature for many future issues.

There was an invitation for villagers to attend an open day at Orchard House from Witherslack Care and Education Initiatives(WCEI). Visitors were shown the recently converted and decorated house. Questions about the backgrounds and problems of the children who were due to take up residence were answered frankly. The people who took advantage of the open day said it was an interesting and reassuring experience.

A Neighbourhood Watch Event raised £196 and special thanks were given to the auctioneer who raised a goodly sum for various items.

There was police advice about on-line dating, with a quote about the story of a Lancashire woman conned out of £9,000 by a fraudster claiming to be an American soldier serving in Afghanistan. The police produced a bullet-pointed list of things to be aware of when using on-line dating sites. This continues to be as relevant today.

Liz Brewster



Village Defibrillator



Community Awareness Training Session

Tuesday 19th April 2016

7pm - 8.30pm

Over Kellet Village Hall

Please make every effort to attend.

**You never know when you might need to help a neighbour
or a member of your family.**

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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Community Health Conversation

**Remember the Community Health Champions event in
October 2015 run by Ashtrees Surgery?
Want to find out what's happened since?**

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Community Health Conversation hosted by the
Mayor of Carnforth Malcolm Watkins and
Dr Andy Knox
Wednesday 6 April 2016
Carnforth Civic Hall
7.00pm

You'll be able to find out:

- What happened to all your suggestions
- How those who wanted to be Health Champions have got on
- Hear about some of the brilliant work taking place in the community
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OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Louise Walker is our Watch Liaison Officer in the West Division (Lancaster & Wyre) of Lancashire Constabulary. Louise keeps us in touch with what the police are doing or planning to do in fighting crime, as much as possible by prevention rather than chasing criminals. It may not be an exciting topic for crime novelists who prefer serial killings, usually in real-life low-crime places, like the Shetlands or Scandinavia. Prevention is, however, as important in keeping the peace as it is in the Health Service in keeping us healthy.



It is not easy to know if preventive measures are working or not. A low level of crime, such as we fortunately have in our village, may indicate good prevention by residents or, I suppose, a low level of criminality. With the change from burglary and street crime towards the more remunerative cyber-crime, it is even harder to know what works and what does not. It is well-known that victims of cyber-crime are shy about admitting to something that they may feel they have contributed to themselves. But we should act on the basis that prevention does work and take note of the cautions about strangers at the door, offering services we have not requested or asking for details of bank accounts and credit cards. With our computers, we should also take care not to open suspicious emails from people we don't know, especially if the subject is exciting ('You have won a prize', etc.) and never to click on the blue underlined links (URLs) that are sometimes the only text that appears in an email which may be as often from friends and acquaintances as strangers. 🙅



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OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (CONTINUED)

Louise has recently told us about a 'charity' selling ironing board covers and other kitchen items door to door. Callers may say they are jobless or recently released from prison. This may be true and they may be genuine. Unfortunately, however, you have no way of knowing if this is the case or not. If you want to give, please call the Charity concerned directly on their published number, or log on to their website. Another good reason for doing this is that, if you are a tax-payer, you can give through Gift-Aid, which allows the Charity to claim an extra 25% from the Government on top of your donation. All you have to do is tell the Charity your address. Donations made in the street are rarely eligible for this very useful top-up.

Local elections take place widely in England, although not in our district, on 5 May—I apologise for mentioning this if you know already. You may be less aware, though, that the same day sees the second election of our Police and Crime Commissioners, which does affect us. Turnout in the first election was very low (nationally around 15%), partly because few knew who the candidates were. This time, there is more information and you can look at the present incumbent's website to see how well, or otherwise, he has been doing on your behalf—<http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/>

Many of Louse's emails are forwarded around the village through the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. There is also a list for those who wish to receive these independently. If you want your name to be added to this list, please email me at chris@overkellet.org.uk. If, after a few months, you decide not to receive these emails, your name can be easily removed!

Chris Pogson

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website is at www.overkellet.org (or just Google Over Kellet and click on the top link). Click on the right-hand side of the top page to go to the OK View link. There you can see the magazine in glorious colour and click on the links for direct connection. There is also an archive of previous issues. Look on the website also if you want to have a free new email address such as 'yourname@overkellet.org'—short and easy for you and your friends to remember!



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WHAT'S ON

What's coming up in April?

THEATRE:

At the **Grand** on Tuesday 26th at 8pm the **All-Star Stand-up Tour 2016** presents four heavyweight comics in the biggest comedy tour of the year featuring Gary Delaney, Pete Firman, Jarred Christmas and Sean Hughes. Quite a coup! For more details Phone 64695 or visit www.lancastergrand.co.uk.



FILM

On the 1st the Dukes are hosting a rare performance of the original **Dracula, Nosferatu**, at Lancaster Castle. On Sunday, April 3rd, you can see the Oscar-winning **The Revenant** and, on Tuesday April 5th, after the recent death of Harper Lee, Gregory Peck stars in **To Kill a Mockingbird**. More information on: 598500 or www.dukes-lancaster.org.

LIVE BY SATELLITE:

From the Royal Opera House, **Giselle**, one of the great Romantic ballets, is at 7.15pm on Wednesday 6th at The Reel. It is a tale of betrayal, the supernatural and love that transcends death. Also at The Reel and also from the Royal Opera House is **Lucia di Lammermoor** on Monday 25th at 7.15pm. This new production of Donizetti's tragic opera is already attracting controversy as scenes which the composer imagined taking place off stage are now ... on stage. You have been warned. Phone 413935 for more information.

THE LUNE AQUEDUCT:

It has been described as 'the finest and largest masonry aqueduct in the country' and is considered to be of international importance. It was an elegant solution to a great engineering challenge and designed in the classical style by the young Scottish engineer John Rennie. It was one of his first projects and he went on to become one of the greatest engineers of his era. The Canal and River Trust have produced an excellent leaflet of information about its construction plus a tear-off map which follows the Waymarker's Trail from the Penny Street Basin in the city centre out along the canal towpath to the aqueduct and back via the footpath and cycleway along the south bank of the River Lune. Spring is in the air and this is an excellent way to walk or cycle while looking, possibly with a fresh eye, at an interesting area close to home. Phone 01942 405700 or visit northwest@canalrivertrust.org.uk

FINALLY AND WITH LITTLE ONES IN MIND:

On Saturday 9th at 2pm, 4pm & 6pm at **The Dukes, Northern Ballet** brings their magic to **Tortoise and The Hare**. This well-known Aesop's fable is brought to life and is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre. It is ideal for ages 3+. You can obtain more information on 598500 or www.dukes-lancaster.org.

On Saturday 16th, at 11am and 1.30pm, also at **The Dukes**, with an age guidance of 2+, **Family Fidera** presents **Pitschi: The Kitten With Dreams**. This is based on the Swiss author and illustrator Hans Fischer's award-winning picture book. Following the shows children will be invited to meet and play with the animal characters.

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